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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Robert Dale Haun)
Serial No.: 10/041,832) Group Art Unit: 3618
Filed: October 19, 2001) Examiner: Christopher Bottorff
For: Hinge Assembly for Utility)
Vehicle Hood)

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AMENDMENT C

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of June 3, 2004. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 7-10 and 15, and allowed claims 5, 6 and 11-14.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) For a tractor equipped with a loader bucket, a hinge assembly for hinging a tractor hood on a tractor body so as to enable the hood to open upwardly and backwardly from the front end of the tractor, the hinge assembly comprising a double-rocker, four-link mechanism, including a hood-mounted bracket comprising one link, the hood-mounted bracket being mounted to an underside of the tractor hood, near a back end of the tractor hood; wherein the double-rocker, four-link mechanism includes a lower, fixed link